

## Peralta Grades and Financial Aid Eligibility

*While Dual Enrollment courses offered to high school students are free (if the student is enrolled in 11 units or less), if the student decides to matriculate onto a Peralta community college (and other colleges), their financial aid eligibility will be impacted. GPA and total units attempted during high school will count towards determination of financial aid eligibility.*

*This guide was developed to help you understand how Dual Enrollment courses impact Peralta financial aid eligibility.*

*For other colleges, please refer to their website to learn about their policies.*

### Key Financial Aid Eligibility Rules:

1. **Academic Probation:** If the student has attempted 12 semester units and has a cumulative GPA of less than 2.0 in the Peralta Colleges, the student will be placed on academic probation.
2. **Pace of Progression:**
  - **66.6% Semester Unit Completion:** One of the requirements to qualify for Financial Aid is that a student must complete 66.6% of the total number of units attempted each semester at Peralta Community College District.
  - **90 Total Semester Units:** Students who matriculate to a Peralta College are expected to complete their educational objective within a maximum time frame of 150%, or 90 attempted semester units for a standard two-year program. A standard two year program typically takes 60 units but the student has up to 90 units until they are no longer eligible for financial aid.

Grade	Definition	Counts towards Peralta GPA? (Student with less than a 2.0 GPA is placed on academic probation)	Academic Probation at Peralta? (12 semester units and less than 2.0 GPA)	Counts towards Pace of Progression? (66.6% each semester/90 units/150% for 2 year program)	Can repeat the class?
<b>F</b>	Receiving an "F" grade means the student earns 0 units and 0 GPA for attempting the course.	Yes	Yes	Yes	A student who received an "F" can repeat the course twice. Once the course is repeated with a passing grade the failing grade will not be included in the GPA calculation. The actual grade will always remain on the transcript.
<b>D</b>	A "D" is considered a passing grade and a 1.0 GPA but it may not be accepted by some universities.	Yes	Yes	Yes	A student who received a "D" grade can repeat the course twice, unless otherwise noted. The actual grade will always remain on the transcript.
<b>W</b>	Students receive a "W" when the course is dropped by the last deadline to drop the course. A "W" appears on the transcript but is not calculated in the GPA.	No	Yes (counts towards units)	Yes	A student who received a "W" is able to repeat the course twice. The actual grade will always remain on the transcript.
<b>I</b>	An "I" is an Incomplete Grade that an instructor may give a student who did not complete the course work by the end of the term due to confirmed extenuating circumstances. The student has one year from the term the "I" was awarded to make up the work and receive a final grade. An Incomplete Grade Form must be completed by the student and the instructor. If the student successfully completes the work, s/he will earn a grade provided by the instructor. If the student does not complete the work, the student will receive the grade(s) specified	Yes (when the grade changes into a letter grade)	Yes (when the grade changes into a letter grade)	Yes (when the grade changes into a letter grade)	A student who received an "I" will see and "I" until a letter grade is received. The "I" will not remain on the transcript once the letter grade replaces it.

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<b>P/NP</b>	<p>There are some classes at Peralta that allow you to take a course Pass or No Pass. If a class is eligible to be taken for P/NP and a student would prefer to take the class P/NP they must make the decision by the 4th week of instruction and must enter it on the online enrollment system. Once a student designates a class to be taken as P/NP, it may not be changed to a letter grade. All units of P will be considered a satisfactory completion and a student will earn course and unit credit, but the P/NP grade will not be calculated in the GPA. A student may not be able to repeat a course in which they received a "P". In order to receive a Pass or "P" you must earn a grade of C or higher, if you earn a D or F you will receive a No Pass or NP. For students who intend to transfer to a University the institution you are applying to may or may not count a course in which you earned a P, and/or institutions, including Peralta, may limit the number of units you earned with a P towards a degree, so it is important to check with the individual institutions to find out their policies.</p>	No	No	Yes	<p>A student may not repeat a course for which they earned a grade of "P". Once designated, a P/NP may not be changed to a letter grade. If the student received a "NP" they may repeat the course, unless otherwise noted.</p>

For additional information on financial aid, please access the Peralta Financial Aid Handbook at:  
<http://web.peralta.edu/financial-aid/files/2014/10/2014-2015-Financial-Aid-Handbook-10.5.141.pdf>